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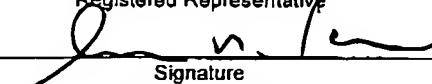
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**For:** IMAGE ENCODING METHOD,  
IMAGE DECODING METHOD,  
IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE ENCODING PROGRAM,  
AND IMAGE DECODING  
PROGRAM

**Attorney Docket No:** 9683/261

**Examiner:** Patel, Jayesh A.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

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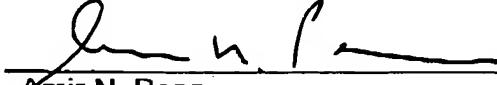
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

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